

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed April 20, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 2 and 12 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

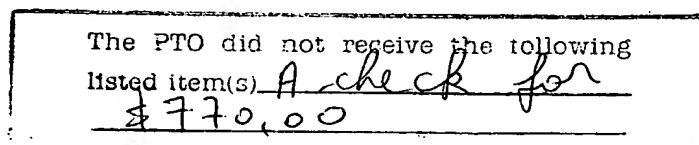
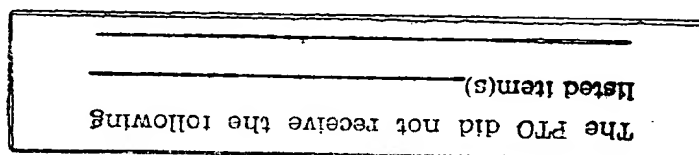
The Examiner issued a Final Action on January 27, 2004. Applicant submitted a Response to Examiner's Final Action on March 29, 2004. The Examiner issued an Advisory Action on April 20, 2004 stating that the Response to Examiner's Final Action would not be entered because it was deemed to not place the Application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Response to Examiner's Final Action be entered and considered by the Examiner pursuant to this Request for Continued Examination. For the convenience of the Examiner, the amendments made to the claims in the Response to Examiner's Final Action and the accompanying comments are repeated herein.

The disclosure stands objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.58(a) for containing illustrations. The specification has been amended to remove the illustrations at pages 79-80.

Claims 2-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 2 shows a concrete and tangible result in the technological arts through the generation of a graphical representation of the overall architecture for the business and the generation of a plan for implementation and deployment of information technology among the manageable entities for display within the graphical representation of the overall architecture. Claim 12 shows a concrete and tangible result within the technological arts through code generation of an overall architecture for the business and code generation of a plan for implementation and

deployment of information technology among manageable entities of the business with graphical display of the overall architecture and graphical display of how information technology is to be implemented and deployed within the overall architecture in accordance with the generated plan. Thus, Claim 12 is not directed to a disembodied storage device as coined by the Examiner since a plan for implementation and deployment of information technology is generated from data associated with the manageable entities of the business. The practical application of the claimed invention is the ability to develop an overall architecture for a business that takes into account the information technology needs of the business according to the manageable entities within the business in order to determine how information technology is to be deployed among the manageable entities of the business. The overall architecture and how the plan for implementing and deploying information technology therein can be graphically displayed to provide a meaningful perspective as to how the manageable entities interrelate. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-12 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §101.

Attached herewith is a check in an amount of \$770.00 made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks" to satisfy the request for continued examination fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).



CONCLUSION

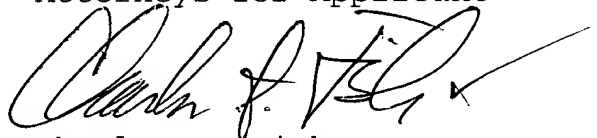
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 2-12.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles S. Fish", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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